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Dear Examiner:

Response to Final Office Action

Responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed January 12, 2009 and further responsive to the Office Action mailed June 27, 2008 setting a three (3) months period for response, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following amendments and accompanying remarks. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner replace the Response filed December 23, 2008 with this paper, which is identical except for a corrected claim listing that cures the defects pointed out in the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment.

A listing of claims begins at page 2.

Remarks begin at page 4.